

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Employees invited to meet new management in KSC2000 organization



Up-to-date weather forecasting assured with GOES launch

▲ **KSC2000 Open House:** On Monday, May 8, a KSC2000 Open House will be held in the O&C Mission Briefing Room from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The goal for this event is to provide employees with an opportunity to informally meet the new directors/senior managers and ask questions about directorate roles and responsibilities. Each new directorate will be represented by the Director or Deputy. The above information will be posted to the KSC2000 Web site (http://ksc2000.ksc.nasa.gov/ten_assignment.htm) for employees to review prior to the event.

▲ A Successful Launch!



Turning night into day for a few seconds, the Atlas II/Centaur rocket carrying the NASA/NOAA weather satellite GOES-L hurtles into space from Pad A at Complex 36 on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Liftoff occurred at 3:07 a.m. EDT. Once in orbit, the spacecraft is to be designated GOES-11 and will complete its 90-day checkout in time for

availability during the 2000 hurricane season.

◆ **Help Needed:** The NASA Headquarters' new, high tech, Human Exploration Development of Space (HEDS) display will be showcased in Orlando at the Convention Center in support of the AARP Conference. Because an audience numbering 50,000 is expected, KSC is being asked to help staff the exhibit. Days and hours of exhibit are Tuesday, *May 16*, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, *May 17*, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Thursday, *May 18*, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Anyone who can help support this activity should contact Betty Valentine, 867-3182, by close of business May 9 -- be sure to specify the date(s) and time(s) you will be available.

◆ **KSC Amateur Astronomy Group Meeting:** The KSC Amateur Astronomy Group will be holding its next meeting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in the O&C Bldg., room 3000, on the east end of the 3rd floor. All KSC NASA and Contractor employees are welcome. The Star Party will be held on Friday, May 5, at the Shiloh viewing site north of Haulover canal beginning at dark. Employees' family and friends are welcome to the Star Party -- badges are not required. This is a good place to learn about and try out different telescopes and equipment, but you don't need to own a telescope to explore the heavens with us. Members are always happy to answer questions. Contact Craig Baker at 867-7584 for details, questions, or directions to the Star Party Site. Also see the Web site at: <http://www.4saleusa.net/kscaa/>.

◆ **Did You Know?** Laughter is a natural "medicine" that helps the body stay healthy. Laughing relaxes muscles, lowers blood pressure and releases endorphins to make you feel good.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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Countdown on the Internet -- <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksccount/2000/2000.htm>